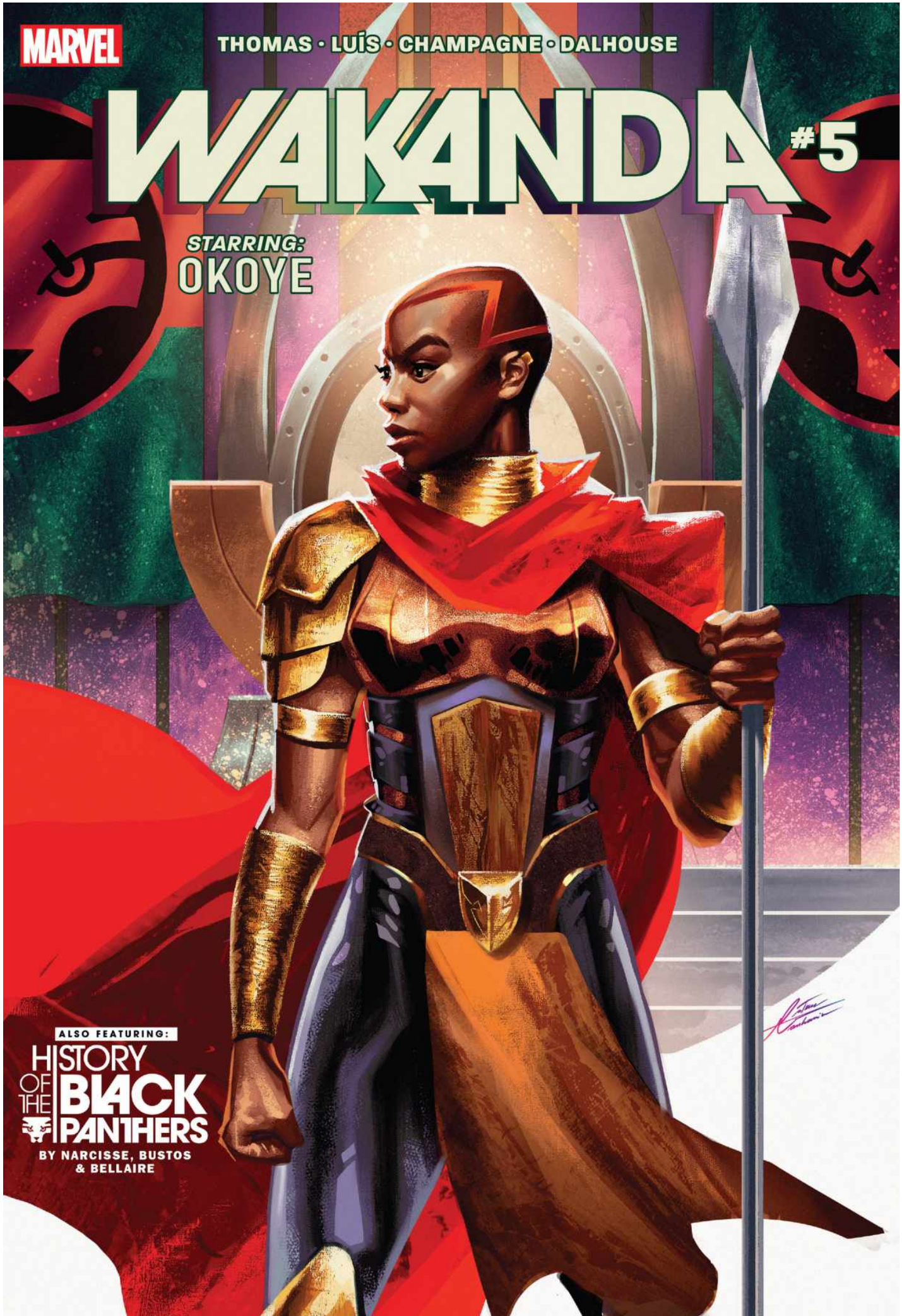
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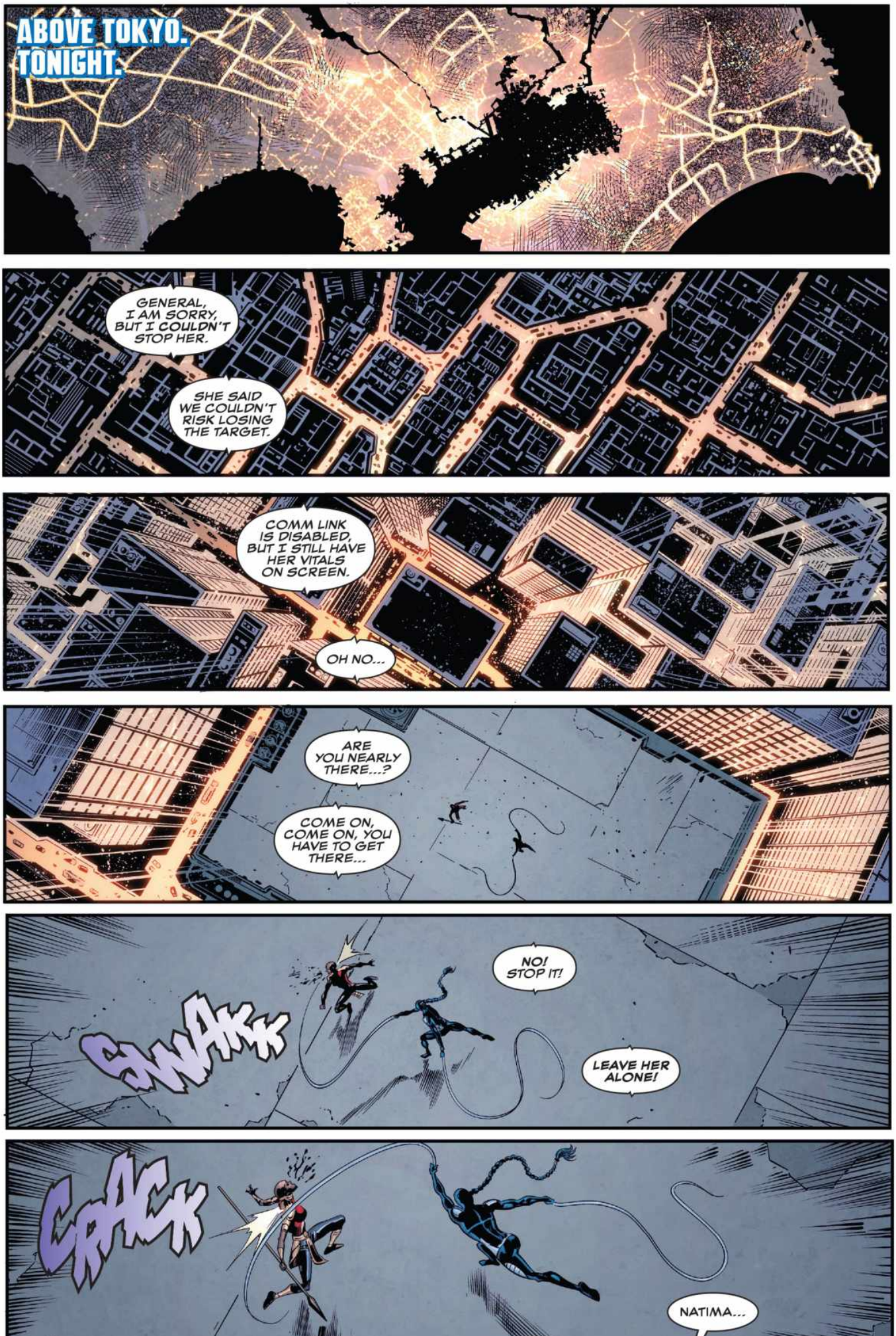
ABOVE TOKYO.
TONIGHT.
GENERAL, I AM SORRY, BUT I COULDN'T STOP HER.
SHE SAID WE COULDN'T RISK LOSING THE TARGET.
COMM LINK IS DISABLED, BUT I STILL HAVE HER VITALS ON SCREEN.
OH NO...
ARE YOU NEARLY THERE...?
COME ON, COME ON, YOU HAVE TO GET THERE...
SWAKK
NO! STOP IT!
LEAVE HER ALONE!
CRACK
NATIMA...

NATIMMMAAA!!
CHOKK
NATIMA!
I AM HERE! DO NOT MOV--
SPLOSH

The Black Panther is no longer welcome in Wakanda! Without its protector around to defend the most technologically advanced nation on Earth, **OHYAKU**, an old enemy of Princess Shuri's, has begun sending villains to infiltrate Wakanda.

But **OKOYE**--the only **DORA MILAJE** who stood beside King T'Challa when the rest quit serving the throne in favor of protecting all Wakandans--is prepared to show these infiltrators just how protected Wakanda still is.

WAKANDA

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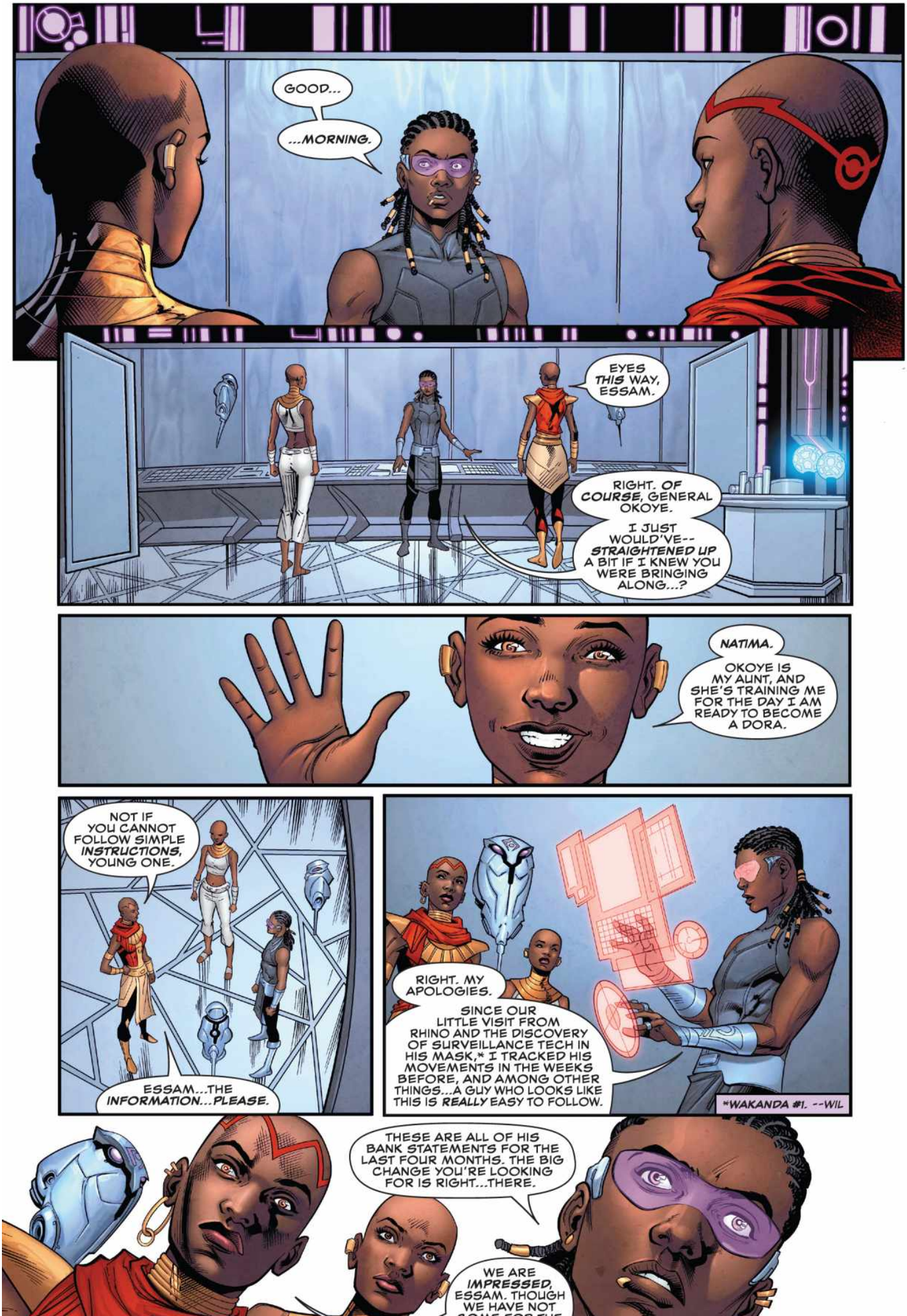
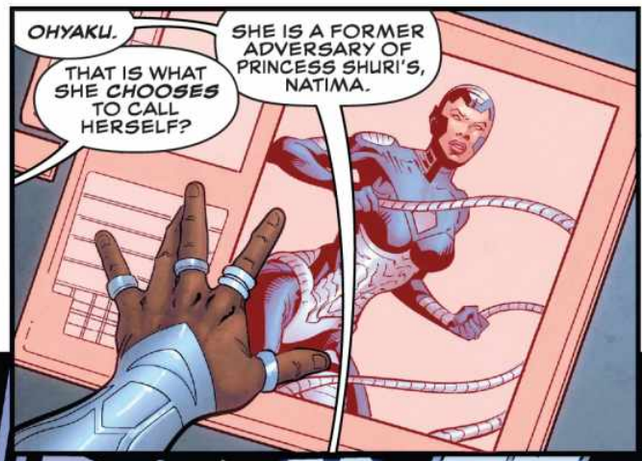
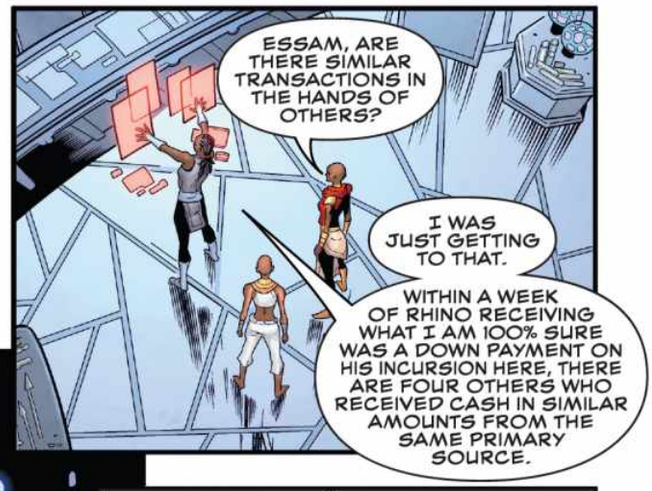
WARRIOR FALLS, WAKANDA. FOUR DAYS AGO.
AAHH!
CLANG
FASTER, LITTLE GIRL!
MOVE! FASTER!
CLANG CLANG
CLANG
CLANG
CLANG
YES. EXCELLENT.
NOW... ATTACK! FIND YOUR MOMENT, AND--
HAHH!
PATIENCE, NATIMA. DO NOT BE GOADED INTO A STRIKE BEFORE YOU ARE TRULY READY.
EVERYTHING IS A WEAPON HERE...EVEN WORDS.
SO THAT WHENEVER YOU LOSE ONE...
...OTHERS STILL REMAIN.

HMPH... SO IT WOULD APPEAR.
SHOW ME YOU ARE READY, YOUNG ONE.
LEAVE ALL WEAKNESS BEHIND YOU, AND--
BEEP-BEEP BEEP-BEEP
HOLD, NATIMA.
DO YOU HAVE IT, ESSAM?
YES...AT ONCE.
AM I ALLOWED TO ACCOMPANY YOU?
YES...BUT NOT TO SPEAK. IS THAT UNDERSTOOD?
YES, AUNTIE OKOYE.
ANOTHER OF YOUR DORA TRICKS, OKOYE?
NOT THIS TIME...BUT YOU WOULD BE WISE TO TRUST YOUR INSTINCTS.
THIS IS WAKANDAN BUSINESS.


GOOD...
...MORNING.
EYES THIS WAY, ESSAM.
RIGHT. OF COURSE, GENERAL OKOYE.
I JUST WOULD'VE-- STRAIGHTENED UP A BIT IF I KNEW YOU WERE BRINGING ALONG...?
NATIMA.
OKOYE IS MY AUNT, AND SHE'S TRAINING ME FOR THE DAY I AM READY TO BECOME A DORA.
NOT IF YOU CANNOT FOLLOW SIMPLE INSTRUCTIONS, YOUNG ONE.
ESSAM...THE INFORMATION...PLEASE.
RIGHT. MY APOLOGIES.
SINCE OUR LITTLE VISIT FROM RHINO AND THE DISCOVERY OF SURVEILLANCE TECH IN HIS MASK,* I TRACKED HIS MOVEMENTS IN THE WEEKS BEFORE, AND AMONG OTHER THINGS...A GUY WHO LOOKS LIKE THIS IS REALLY EASY TO FOLLOW.
*WAKANDA #1. --WIL
THESE ARE ALL OF HIS BANK STATEMENTS FOR THE LAST FOUR MONTHS. THE BIG CHANGE YOU'RE LOOKING FOR IS RIGHT...THERE.
WE ARE IMPRESSED, ESSAM. THOUGH WE HAVE NOT

OKAY, OKAY--SO THE MONEY GOES INTO RHINO'S HANDS, BUT IF YOU PEEL IT BACK, THEN PEEL IT BACK SOME MORE, THERE'S A COMPANY AT THE SOURCE OF THE DEPOSITS, THEN ANOTHER, THEN ANOTHER, ETC.
YOU KEEP AT IT, WHICH IS WHAT YOU HAVE *ME* HERE TO DO, AND *THIS* IS WHO WE'RE LOOKING AT.


OHYAKU.
THAT IS WHAT SHE *CHOOSES* TO CALL HERSELF?
SHE IS A FORMER ADVERSARY OF PRINCESS SHURI'S, NATIMA.


ESSAM, ARE THERE SIMILAR TRANSACTIONS IN THE HANDS OF OTHERS?
I WAS JUST GETTING TO THAT.
WITHIN A WEEK OF RHINO RECEIVING WHAT I AM 100% SURE WAS A DOWN PAYMENT ON HIS INCURSION HERE, THERE ARE FOUR OTHERS WHO RECEIVED CASH IN SIMILAR AMOUNTS FROM THE SAME PRIMARY SOURCE.

WHO DO YOU SEE, NATIMA?
THE SHOCKER--A.K.A. HERMAN SCHULTZ, AMERICAN, OUTFITTED WITH A PAIR OF VIBRO-SHOCK GAUNTLETS.
BATROC, FRENCH NATIONAL, GOES BY THE CODE-NAME "*THE LEAPER.*"
MADAM SLAY--*VERY* MURKY HISTORY ON HER. CONNECTED TO ERIK KILLMONGER AND CONTROLS *LEOPARDS* SOME--

VERY GOOD. WHAT ABOUT THE ONE AT THE END?
...IS THIS YET *ANOTHER* DORA TRICK? THAT PICTURE *CANNOT* BE REAL.

NOT ONLY IS IT *REAL*, LADY NATIMA, BUT GUESS WHICH ONE OF THIS BUNCH HAS CONTINUED TO WORK NONSTOP, EVEN *AFTER* HE RECEIVED HIS DOWN PAYMENT FROM OHYAKU?
FORTUNATE FOR US, BECAUSE HIS GREED ONLY

"THAT IS THE ONE WE HUNT FIRST..."
THIS IS NOT AT ALL WHAT I HAD IN MIND, OKOYE...
LONDON. THREE DAYS AGO.
I WANTED TO HELP YOU FIND THE PEOPLE WHO ARE THREATENING OUR KINGDOM.
AND YOU ARE. CHECK ONCE MORE.
THE VEHICLE HAS NOT MOVED IN NEARLY SEVEN MINUTES.
PATIENCE. ALLOW THEM TIME TO FIND THEIR NERVE.
WAIT...
I SEE THEM, NATIMA. HOLD POSITION.
SHOULD WE NOT STOP THEM, OKOYE? ARE THEY NOT ATTEMPTING TO BREAK THIS COUNTRY'S LAWS?
THE MONEY THEY SEEK "BELONGS" TO AN ENDLESS LINE OF COLONIZERS. IT WOULD NOT BE... PROPER TO HELP THEM KEEP WHAT WAS NEVER THEIRS.
HOLD POSITION. UNTIL I SAY.

MINUTES LATER.
OKOYE, THEY ARE EXITING THE BUILDING NOW, AND--THEY HAVE A HOSTAGE. REPEAT, THEY HAVE TAKEN A HOSTAGE.
OKOYE...?
OKOYE, RESPOND.
NATIMA...
...DO NOT MISS.
RELEASE HER!
NOW!
CHAK KA-CHAK
SPLURCH
GAAAAuh!

VNNNN
SWOKK
GUUF!
LEAVE THIS WITH ME, SISTER.
THANK YOU!
I HAVE COME FOR YOUR KING.
LEAVE YOUR ILL-GOTTEN GAINS, AND PRAY MY GAZE NEVER AGAIN FALLS UPON YOU.
SORRY, MAN!
KING CADAVER... THE KINGDOM OF WAKANDA HAS NEED OF YOU AND YOUR ABILITIES.
I THINK, MY DEAR, I WILL USE THOSE ABILITIES ON Y--
SWIK
WELL STRUCK, NATIMA.
TELL ESSAM TO BE READY

SHRACK
VIBRANIUM MINES (EAST QUADRANT), WAKANDA. ONE DAY AGO.
YOU DON'T THINK IT'S SUSPICIOUS THAT HE JUST WENT MISSING...?
KRAK
CRUNCH
CADAVER WAS SO DAMN BROKE, HE COULDN'T EVEN WAIT FOR THIS JOB. WE DON'T NEED HIM ANYWAY-- THOSE VIBRO CANNONS OF YOURS LOOK PLENTY IMPRESSIVE FROM BACK HERE.
YEAH, TRUE, BUT THEY'VE ALSO SHAKEN A COUPLE VERTEBRAE OUT OF LINE OVER THE YEARS, AND ONLY SOME PURE VIBRANIUM CAN FIX THAT.
I TOOK THE SCARY LADY'S MONEY 'CAUSE I WANNA BE ABLE TO GET OUTTA BED WITHOUT MY DAMN BACK ALWAYS KILLING ME.
DOES THAT TIGER OF YOURS TALK, MADAM SLAY...?
'CAUSE I COULD'VE SWORN IT JUST GIGGLED AT ME, AND I DON'T CARE IF HE IS A TIGER, NOBODY LAUGHS AT--
QUIET! DID YOU HEAR THAT?
HEAR WHAT?
GOOD EVENING, AND WELCOME.

WELCOME TO WAKANDA.
SHRAKK
HAARRGH!
THE FIRST OF YOU TO TELL ME WHERE I CAN FIND OHYAKU WILL BE PERMITTED TO LEAVE.
SOMEONE TAUGHT YOU HOW TO USE THE INTERCOM, HONEY...GOOD FOR YOU.
WE WILL HAVE WHAT WE CAME HERE FOR, AND IF YOU WANT TO STOP US...THEN YOU'LL HAVE TO COME DOWN HERE AND DO IT YOURSELF.
YOU MISUNDERSTAND YOUR SITUATION.
I AM ALREADY HERE, BUT YOU ARE NOT WHERE YOU BELIEVE YOURSELVES TO BE.
AH, OF COURSE.
AND I SUPPOSE THIS IS WHERE WE ARE SUPPOSED TO BEGIN WETTING OURSELVES AND CONFESS TO EVERY CRIME WE'VE
SHOW THEM.

WHAT THE--? WHERE DID THE MINE GO?
HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW ABOUT YOUR *FORMER* ASSOCIATE KING CADAVER?

HIS ABILITIES ALLOW HIM TO CAUSE OTHERS TERRIBLE, EXCRUCIATING PAINS, AND HE CAN ALSO CAST *ALARMINGLY* CONVINCING DELUSIONS AND MENTAL PROJECTIONS.
YOU ARE ALL STANDING *INSIDE* ONE OF THOSE PROJECTIONS NOW.
SHOW THEM AGAIN.

UNTIL HE IS OF NO FURTHER USE, CADAVER WILL BE WAKANDA'S HONORED GUEST.
WE CAPTURED YOU AND BROUGHT YOU HERE ONLY MOMENTS AFTER YOU *ILLEGALLY* CROSSED OUR BORDERS. ALL TO ANSWER *ONE* SIMPLE QUESTION.

OHYAKU.
I WILL *HAVE* HER... IN...MY... *HANDS.*
AND IF YOU STAND IN MY WAY...

...YOU WILL EXPERIENCE HIS *OTHER* PRIMARY ABILITY. THE MOST TERRIBLE, *EXCRUCIATING* PAINS ARE ONLY A FEW WORDS AWAY.
NOW... WHERE...*IS*

TOKYO. TONIGHT.
YEAH...WE HAVE A LITTLE PROBLEM...
CONRAD HOTEL.
I'M IN POSITION AT THE CONRAD, AND I'VE GOT DIRECT EYES ON THE TARGET.
I'M STARING RIGHT AT OHYAKU...
...WHO IS IN HERE ACTING LIKE SHE'S SOME BIG-TIME ACTRESS ON A PRESS TOUR.
BUT IF THAT'S TRUE--WHO ARE YOU LOOKING AT, GENERAL?
A DECOY, ESSAM.
THE BRIEF DISAPPEARANCES OF CADAVER AND THE OTHERS WERE CLEARLY NOT BRIEF ENOUGH.
SHE KNOWS SHE IS BEING HUNTED NOW.
I HAVE HER AT POSITION #6. WELL... POSSIBLY.
TAKE NO ACTION UNTIL I ARRIVE, NATIMA.
WHAT IF SHE ESCAPES, AUNTIE? THIS COULD BE THE

NO.
ACTION.
FWOOOOOSH
I'M SORRY, BUT YOU CANNOT HIDE ME FROM THIS ANY LONGER, OKOYE.
YOU TOLD ME TO FIND MY MOMENT, AND I BELIEVE THAT I HAVE.
STAND DOWN, NATIMA!
YOU ARE NOT READY!
DO NOT WORRY--I WILL SIMPLY PREVENT HER ESCAPE. AND I WILL USE EVERY WEAPON.
WOOOSH
OHYAKU!
THE NATION OF WAKANDA WOULD HAVE WORDS WITH YOU!
"NATIMA...STAY WITH ME, GIRL..."
NOW.
-PANT-...-PANT-...
-PANT-...
...YOU STAY...WITH ME!

NATIMA IS STABLE. YOU--YOU MIGHT HAVE REACHED HER IN TIME.
I WILL CONTACT YOU THE MOMENT WE KNOW ANYTHING, GENERAL. SHE WILL GET THE VERY BEST CARE WAKANDA CAN PROVIDE.
I AM AFRAID THAT IS IMPOSSIBLE, ESSAM. I WAS SUPPOSED TO TAKE CARE OF HER, AND LOOK WHAT I HAVE DONE INSTEAD.
SHOULD I INQUIRE AS TO THE FATE OF OHYAKU?
...
YOU SHOULD NOT.
VNNNN
HOW MANY TIMES MUST I TELL YOU, OHYAKU...?
YOU ARE STAYING HERE UNTIL YOU AND I ARE FINISHED.
GAAAHH!
THIS BEGAN WHEN YOU SENT A SPY AND A SABOTEUR TO MY HOME TO DO US GREAT HARM.
YOU WERE SENDING WAKANDA A MESSAGE... NOW WAKANDA WILL RESPOND...

YOU KNOW WHO I AM.
YOU KNOW WHAT IT IS THAT I DO.
EVERY ACTION HAS CONSEQUENCES, BUT IT APPEARS THAT A REMINDER IS IN ORDER.
YOU HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT THE GREAT NATION OF WAKANDA HAS BECOME WEAK. THAT THE TIME FOR YOUR ABUSE AND YOUR EXPLOITATION IS FINALLY NOW.
YOU BELIEVE THIS TO BE TRUE SIMPLY BECAUSE YOU SO DESPERATELY WISH IT TO BE.
YET, IT IS NOT.
WAKANDA IS FOREVER, NO MATTER HOW MANY OF YOU WISH OTHERWISE.
IT IS FOREVER BECAUSE IT HAS ME, AND PEOPLE LIKE ME, WHO KNOW THE ONLY WAY TO RESPOND TO THREATS AND INTIMIDATION.
THE TERRORIST AND ASSASSIN OHYAKU DID NOT KNOW THIS...BUT SHE DOES NOW.
SHE AND HER ASSOCIATES DECLARED "OPEN SEASON" ON WAKANDA, AND THOUGH IT IS TOO LATE FOR HER...THERE IS STILL TIME FOR THE REST OF YOU TO AVOID A SIMILAR FATE.
THIS IS THE HARD TRUTH OF WHAT AWAITS THOSE WHO SEEK TO DESTROY MY COUNTRY--MY FAMILY.
OKOYE...I DON'T MEAN TO INTERRUPT, BUT NATIMA WILL LIVE. SHE WILL LIVE.
THIS...OPEN SEASON THAT OHYAKU SPOKE OF...
...IT IS NOW ON YOU.
DO YOU COPY, OKOYE? SHE WILL BE ALL RIGHT.
GENERAL?
THIS IS WHO WE ARE.

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HISTORY OF THE BLACK PANTHERS
CHAPTER FIVE
"FORGING MODERNITY"
WILL YOU TELL US ABOUT *EVERY* BLACK PANTHER IN THE HAVEN OF HEROES, QUEEN RAMONDA?
THE STATUES YOU SEE HERE ARE ONLY A FRACTION OF THOSE WHO LED THE REALM. WE WOULD NEED DAYS AND WEEKS MORE, CHILD.
AND I NEED TO GET BACK TO THE LAB!
"I COULD TELL YOU CHILDREN ABOUT HOW THE RETURN OF THE *BIRD PEOPLE OF NRI* USHERED IN AN ALLIANCE OF AVATARS.
"YOU'D HEAR OF *G'BUNDO THE FEARLESS*, WHO WAS DESCENDED FROM THE BAKO KINGS OF THE FIFTH DYNASTY...
"...AND HOW HE USED HIS SENSES TO NEGOTIATE WAKANDA'S FIRST MODERN UNIFICATION AND INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION.
"OR THE PANTHER WHO SECRETLY WORKED AS A SPY.

"YOU CHILDREN WOULD LOVE THE FANTASTIC ADVENTURES OF MY LATE HUSBAND, T'CHAKA, AND HIS FIRST WIFE, N'YAMI.
"THEY WORKED TOGETHER TO CHASE DOWN BIZARRE ANOMALIES FROM THE WILD TIMES, LIKE KING SOLOMON'S FROGS.
"THEN THERE ARE THE MORE RECENT PANTHERS YOU'VE LIKELY LEARNED ABOUT, LIKE AZZURI THE WISE AND S'YAN THE SWIFT, BLOOD TO MY OWN CHILDREN.
"I DON'T NEED TO TELL YOU ABOUT T'CHALLA AND HOW HE HAS BROUGHT WAKANDA'S GLORY TO THE WORLD...
"...EVEN AS IT HAS COST HIM SO MUCH."
"WELL, WHO DO YOU THINK IS BETTER, T'CHALLA OR SHURI?!"
AH, IMPETUOUS ONE, NEVER ASK A MOTHER TO CHOOSE SUCH A THING. BUT WHEN I LOOK INTO ALL OF YOUR EYES...
...I KNOW THAT THE LEGACY OF THE BLACK PANTHER WILL GROW EVEN GREATER. FOREVER, INTO ETERNITY.

HISTORY OF THE BLACK PANTHERS

ANNOTATIONS

1. Much of what was known of the **Bird People of Nri** has been lost to time. It is believed that they lived in a village high above the clouds in the mountains beyond the Crystal Forest, that on warm clear days, through unrevealed means, they grew wings and took flight. A long time ago, many of their women were captured by slavers, including Ifé, an enslaved wife who later flew to freedom with her children by becoming birds. Shown here are shadows of Ifé and her transformed children. ***Black Panther #6 (2016)***

2. During the Fourth Dynasty of the Maghan, the Bako were a Wakandan tribe who defended Wakanda under the leadership of Sologon, one of Maghan King Kanaté's wives. They eventually became the **Bako Kings of the Fifth Dynasty** and unified Wakanda. G'Bundo, a direct descendant of the Bako Kings, created the Fifth Law, a philosophical treatise that promoted a doctrine of tolerance among the many tribes. (G'Bundo, mentioned) ***Black Panther #60 (2003)***; (Bako) ***Black Panther #8 (2017)***

3. Leaving Wakanda following the death of her family in tribal wars, **N'Yami** studied abroad before returning home and beginning studies into the properties of Wakanda's sacred vibranium. Using vibranium jewelry for medical purposes eventually caught the eye of Wakanda's King T'Chaka, and the two soon fell in love. At first hesitant to marry T'Chaka due to the uncertain future their children might inherit, N'Yami ultimately did with Bast's blessing. Later falling ill with a rare autoimmune disease while pregnant with T'Challa, N'Yami survived to give birth before succumbing to her disease a week later. (Mentioned) ***Official Handbook of the Marvel Universe #2 (1983)***; (seen) ***Astonishing Tales: Dominic Fortune #6 (2009)***

4. **King Solomon's Frogs** (also known as the Brass Frogs) are ancient sentient artifacts capable of accessing time and space that have been passed down throughout history, eventually coming into the possession of the Black Panther (T'Challa). ***Black Panther #1 (1977)***

5. When T'Chanda (or informally, Chanda) took the Wakandan throne and became the Black Panther, he took the regnal name of **Azzuri** and was the first of the Black Panthers to encounter Captain America (Steve Rogers) during World War II. Conflict between Azzuri and Nazi Colonel Fritz Klaue resulted in an animosity that continues today between Azzuri's grandson T'Challa and Klaue's son Ulysses Klaw, the murderer of Azzuri's son T'Chaka. (Azzuri, mentioned) ***Black Panther #1 (1977)***; (as T'Chanda, seen) ***Fantastic Four Unlimited #1 (1993)***

6. Patriotic Steve Rogers volunteered for the U.S. military's Project: Rebirth program, in which he was administered the Super-Soldier Serum that transformed his frail body into the peak of human efficiency. As **Captain America**, Rogers became a national symbol during the dark days of World War II and even participated in a Wakandan mission, where he worked with the Black Panther (Azzuri) against Nazi invaders in 1944. Unintentionally

entering suspended animation in 1945, Captain America was reawakened in the modern era by the heroic Avengers organization, which he subsequently joined. Becoming a cornerstone of the Avengers, Rogers has fought by the side of the modern-era Black Panther (T'Challa) numerous times and remains one of America's greatest heroes. ***Captain America Comics #1 (1941)***

7. Brother of future Wakandan King/Black Panther T'Chaka, **S'Yan** displayed a great mind at a young age. Following T'Chaka's death, S'Yan inherited the title of king and Black Panther, but when T'Chaka's son T'Challa came of age, he defeated his uncle S'Yan in a tournament to decide the next Black Panther. S'Yan willingly stepped down as king and remained an advisor to T'Challa. He later died saving T'Chaka's widow Ramonda from gunfire ordered by Doctor Doom (Victor Von Doom). ***Black Panther #2 (2005)***

8. Earth's mightiest heroes, the **Avengers**, are a heroic assemblage dedicated to battling threats that no single hero could handle. While the team's roster is ever-changing, the Avengers have counted such heroes as Iron Man (Tony Stark), Wasp (Janet Van Dyne), Thor (Odinson), Hulk (Bruce Banner), Captain America (Steve Rogers), Hawkeye (Clint Barton), Scarlet Witch (Wanda Maximoff), Black Widow (Natasha Romanoff), Captain Marvel (Carol Danvers) and numerous others among their ranks, with Black Panther (T'Challa) serving as the organization's chairperson in modern times. ***Avengers #1 (1963)***

9. Born in 1430 C.E. to Transylvanian aristocrats, Vlad Tepes **Dracula** became the prince of Wallachia in 1448. Subsequently captured during a war against the Turkish, Warlord Turac gave a wounded Dracula over to the care of the supposed Romani healer Lianda, who was secretly a vampire who then turned Dracula into one. After the ancient vampire Varnae picked him as his successor as Lord of Vampires, Dracula began ruling the vampire race from Transylvania. Escaping permanent death on numerous occasions over centuries, Dracula often found much opposition from the Van Helsing vampire-hunter bloodline and their allies, as well as numerous superhuman heroes. In recent times, Dracula succeeded in creating the Vampire Nation in the radioactive wasteland of Chernobyl. (Historical) ***Dracula (1897)***; (Marvel) ***Suspense #7 (1951)***

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10. Twenty millennia ago, sorcerers seeking to create supernatural beings to destroy their enemies transformed dying fellow sorcerer Varnae into what is believed to be the world's first of the **vampire race**. Since then, many different strains of predatory vampires all over the world have nocturnally hunted humans in order to consume their blood. Victims of a vampire's bite are infected with an enzyme that turns them into vampires after three days' time. Though weaknesses vary between the different strains, sunlight is lethal to most vampires. Varnae's vampiric strain remains atop the vampire hierarchy to this day with Vlad Tepes Dracula ruling over vampires as the undisputed Lord of Vampires. ***Marvel Mystery Comics #35 (1942)***

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